



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 174

January Session, 2011

Substitute House Bill No. 5308

House of Representatives, March 23, 2011

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. TABORSAK of the 109th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING REFUSE REMOVAL OR DISPOSAL CONTRACT RENEWALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) No contract for refuse
- 2 removal or disposal which contains a renewal provision of more than
- 3 one year shall be enforceable unless the provider of such refuse
- 4 removal or disposal services has sent written or electronic notice of
- 5 such contract renewal to the customer not later than ninety days prior
- 6 to the expiration date of the contract being renewed. Such written or
- 7 electronic notice shall provide the customer with the opportunity to
- 8 cancel such refuse removal or disposal contract at the end of the initial
- 9 contract term. No such renewal provision shall be enforceable unless
- 10 the customer agrees to such renewal, in writing or electronically, after
- 11 receiving such written or electronic notice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Consumer Protection as the bill contains no enforcement provisions.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5308*****AN ACT CONCERNING REFUSE REMOVAL OR DISPOSAL CONTRACT RENEWALS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits automatic renewal provisions lasting one year or more in trash removal or disposal contracts. It requires a trash disposal company that has such a provision in its contract to send its customers a written or electronic renewal notice at least 90 days before the contract expires giving them the option to cancel the contract at the end of its initial term. Unless a customer receives the notice and agrees in writing to renew, the contract renewal provisions is unenforceable.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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